



AVALANCHE AWARENESS

Commission Meeting
Safety Minute

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The facts...

- Avalanches kill 25-30 people in the United States each season and injure many more
- 2 recorded deaths in PNW in 2019-2020 season
- 90% of avalanche incidents are triggered by the victim or someone in the victim's party

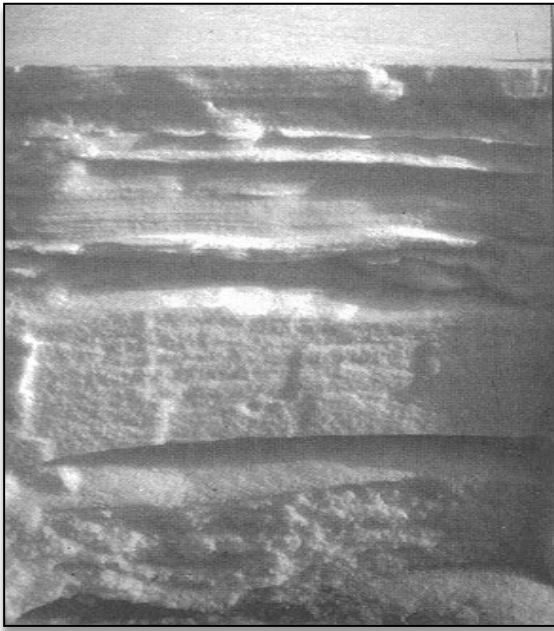
Prepare yourself with:

- The appropriate education
- The right equipment: transceiver, shovel, probe (at a minimum), airbag
- People you trust



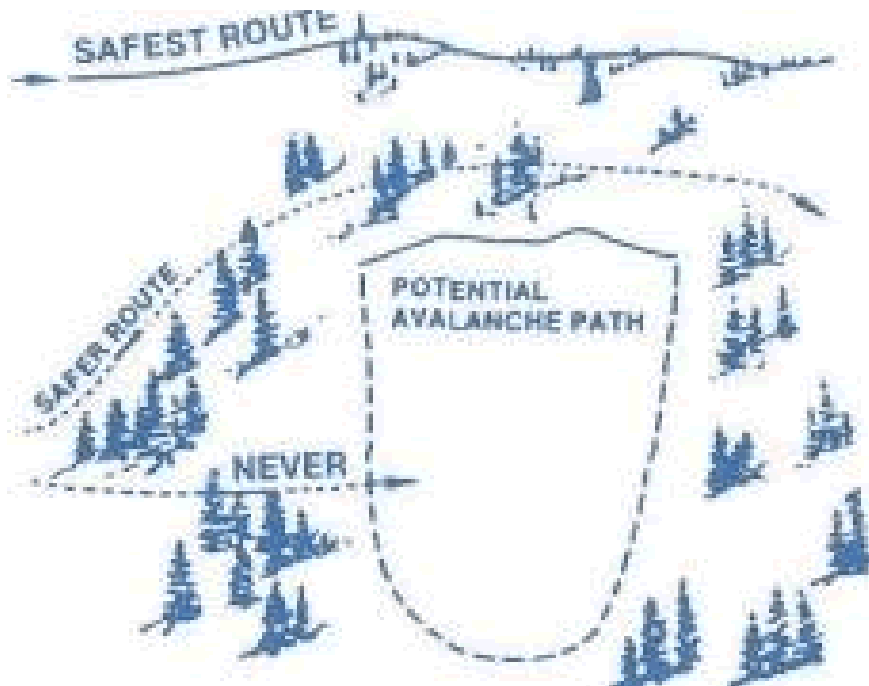
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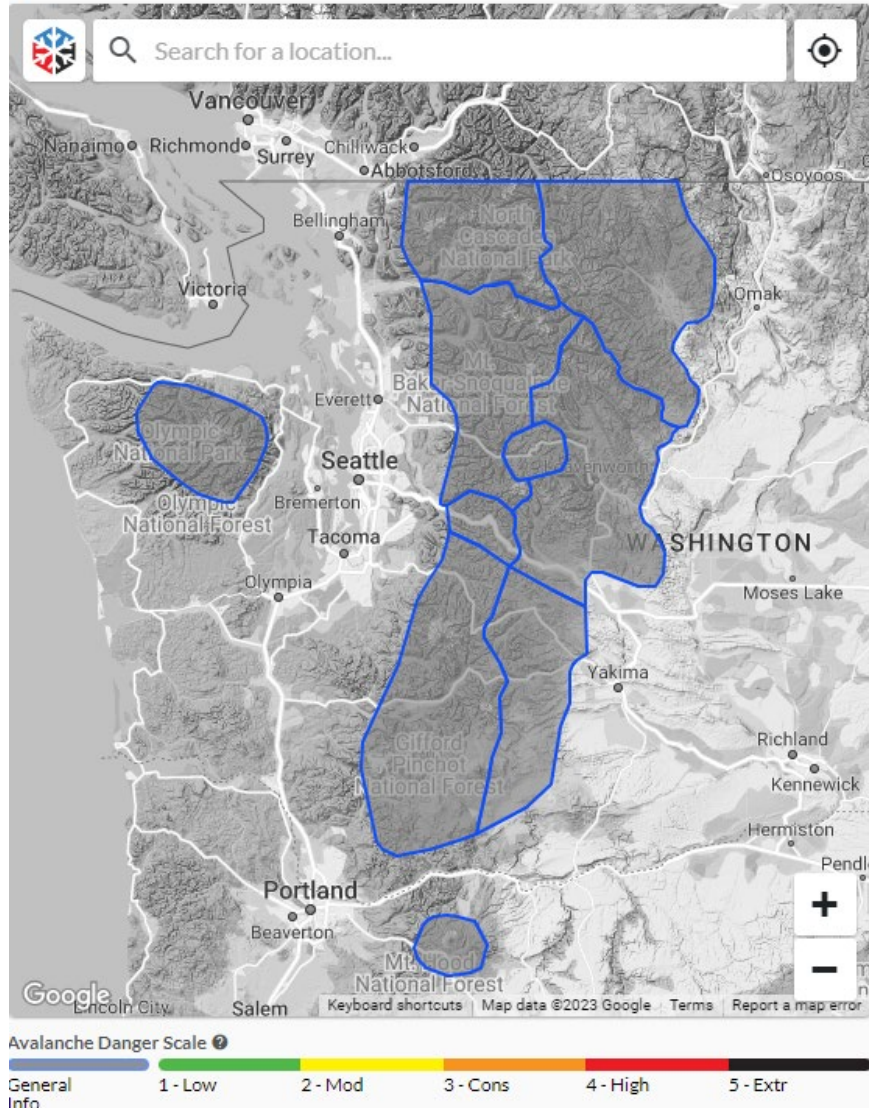


Education includes...

- Beginner to advanced – a mix of classroom and field time
- Learn to use a transceiver, probe, and shovel
- Observe snow, weather, and avalanche clues
- Choose terrain wisely and manage risk
- Apply backcountry travel techniques to minimize avalanche terrain exposure



Avalanche Forecast By Zone



Before your next outing...

- Consider education through a registered Avalanche Awareness course provider (see www.avalanche.org)
- Get the right tools and learn how to use them
- Check the forecast!
 - Visit www.nwac.us



THANK YOU

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Sources

- NWAC
- Avalanche.org
- Washington State University
- National Weather Service